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Location

49-51 Smith Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The house at 49-51 Smith Street, Stawell, has significance as an intact example of an unusual, eclectic interwar Bungalow and Spanish Mission styled residential building. Built in the late 1920s, the house is set on a well-landscaped allotment with landmark palm tree and early stuccoed brick and steel balustrade fence.

The house at 49-51 Smith Street is **architecturally** and **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell during the interwar (1920s-1940s) period, and it demonstrates original design qualities of an unusual interwar Bungalow and Spanish Mission style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms that traverse the site, together with the unusual jerkin head verandah portico that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, stuccoed brick wall construction, terra cotta tiled roof cladding, two stuccoed brick chimneys, wide eaves, round and flat-arched verandah portico openings supported by round Ionic columns on stuccoed brick piers, paired

round Ionic columns on stuccoed brick piers for the verandah at the other end of the house, arched tripartite window openings with decorative fanned alcoves, timber framed double hung windows with decorative diamond leadlighting, timber and glazed double front doors under the projecting verandah, and the solid stuccoed brick verandah balustrading. The well-landscaped front garden (including the palm tree, grassed areas and perimeter shrubs and flower beds) and the front stuccoed brick and steel balustrade fence and gates also contribute to the significance of the place. The house is also associated with Mr. John Bennett of the Woollen Mills.

Overall, the house at 49-51 Smith Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The house at 49-51 Smith Street, Stawell, is set on a large allotment with a substantial front setback. It has a large and well-established front garden with perimeter beds of shrubs and flowers, open grassed areas and a landmark palm tree. The front is bound by an early face brick and stuccoed fence with steel balustrading and rendered piers with incised panels, and double steel gates, both being approximately 1300 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, stuccoed brick, eclectic interwar Bungalow and Spanish Mission styled house is characterised by hipped roof forms that traverse the site, together with an unusual jerkin head verandah portico that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in early terra cotta tiles. Two early stuccoed brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the round and flat-arched verandah portico openings supported by round Ionic columns on stuccoed brick piers, paired round Ionic columns on stuccoed brick piers for the verandah at the other end of the house and the arched tripartite window openings with decorative fanned alcoves. The timber framed double hung windows with decorative diamond leadlighting are also early, as are the timber and glazed double front doors under the projecting verandah.

Another early feature is the solid stuccoed brick verandah balustrading.

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